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During the summer of 1952 the University of Hawaii library received number 1 of volume 8 of the QUEENSLAND JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE. The cover of this number bears the date March, 1951. One of the papers contained a description of a "new genus" of fruit fly, *Neozeugodacus* May, which is obviously the same as *Dacus* (*Hemizeugodacus*) Hardy, described in the April, 1951, number of PACIFIC SCIENCE 5(2):131). Because of the great discrepancy between the cover date and the date of receipt of this number, I suspected that the actual date of publication of this number of the QUEENSLAND JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE might be other than March, 1951. I have written to the editor of that journal, to the Officer in Charge for Information Service, Department of Agriculture and Stock, the Under Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Stock and to the author of the article in question, and the only information received has been that there is no record of the date of publication and distribution of this number. I have also written several colleagues in Australia and have received information from several large libraries in that country and in England indicating that this number was not distributed until May, 1952. The records show that the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization main library and the Victorian Department of Agriculture library received their copies May 13, 1952. It was received at the University of Melbourne library May 14, 1952; at the British Museum (Natural History) library June 22, 1952; and by the Commonwealth Institute library in December, 1952. The librarian of the Entomology Department, British Museum (Natural History), wrote to the editor concerning the publication date and was informed that the date was not known.

I believe it is obvious that volume 8, number 1, of the QUEENSLAND JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE was not published until early May, 1952, and the names used in my paper, "The Krauss collection of Australian fruit flies (Tephritidae-Diptera)," have priority over those used by A. S. May in his "New genera and species of Dacinae from Queensland." Volume 5(2) of PACIFIC SCIENCE is dated "April 1951" on the cover and was distributed May 3, 1951, approximately one year earlier than the other journal.

The following synonymy is involved:

Dacus (*Hemizeugodacus*) Hardy, 1951, PAC. SCI. 5(2):131.

Neozeugodacus May, 1952, QUEENSLAND JOURN. AGR. SCI. 8(1):6. **New synonymy.**

This again points out the importance of journals which carry taxonomic papers clearly indicating the date of distribution on each number. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature took action upon this problem at the Thirteenth International Congress of Zoology in Paris, 1948. Conclusion 56 (BULL. ZOOL. NOMEN. 4(7-9):170, 1950), recommends "that there should be added at some appropriate point in the *Règles* a Recommendation urging every editor or other person concerned with the publication of a book or serial concerned with zoology to take all necessary steps to ensure:—

"(a) that its exact date of publication (year, month, day) be clearly stated in every zoological work;

"(b) that, in the case of serials and separate works published in parts, each part shall bear its exact date of publication and that on the completion of the volume concerned there shall be added a statement giving the date on which each part was published and specifying its exact contents (both pages and plates)."